TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS Yesterday's bank clearings new \$5.55, 596; halances, \$2.311.479. Local discoun rates were between 5 and 6 per cent. Do mestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York and Chicago De premium bid. Me premium asked; Cincinnati, Leutsville and New Orleans, Se discount bid, ppr asked, Wheat closed higher at 8% c asked May, 3.60% No. 2 red. Corn closed higher at 45% asked May; 34% No. 2 mixed. Outs closed at 10% bid May; 34% World for House

Spot cotton was the lower in the local

WASHINGTON

Republicus leaders, smarting under the Brosius report, arrange for an investing: tion by a special committee,

An operation is performed on Senator Tillman and his condition is reported in-

Senator Fosier of Washington received a bale of hay by express from his native State. The charges were \$7.50.

Pormer United States Attorney Cutchow testifies in the Smoot hearing, telling how in the Utah Legislature of 1896, the tendency of the members was to send all statutes to the church before emerting them into laws.

President Roosevelt fixes the salaries of the Isthmian Canal Commission at \$12,000

DAY IN CONGRESS SENATE

Alaskan bills occupied the attention of Delegate to Congress from that Territory, o bills agre passed providing for the more ment of roads, maintenance of schools, the a pointment of an additional Judge and the tension of the coal laws. Among the other hi blind on account of service, amending the lay authorizing the construction of a fridge acro the Missouri River near Parkville. Mo. at of a bridge between Kamme City and Moley

HOUSE.
The House adjourned without action as a mark of respect for the death of Representative Croft of South Carolina.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN

A new building at No. 584 De Baliviere avenue was blown down and two carpenters injured.

W. H. Scars was appointed adminis trator of the Nathan Cole estate.

Directors of the St. Louis Transit Company will elect Robert McCullough, gen eral manager of the Chicago City Railway

Company, vice president and general man ager of the Transit Company to-day.

The Pebruary Grand Jury made a par tial report yesterday and found indictments against four men on charges of

George J. Gould upon his return from

the Southwest and Middle West expresses the belief that the present prosperity will continue and the freight movement will, in all probability, be excellent, Preparations are being made to ascertain the quality and quantity of the off

found at Vandeventer avenue and Forest Park boulevard. The residences of Byron Nugent and W. W. Forbes were robbed.

Thomas A. Rice, who founded the Building and Loan Associations in Missouri, Hed yesterday,

Judge McDonald expresses his displeas ure at verdlet in policy case. John Hays Hammond says that his trip to Mexico does not mean that he will

build a new railroad in that country. The Transit Company lost two damage suits and won one. A plaintiff who had signed a release obtained judgment.

Judge Taylor probably will cause the

Grand Jury to investigate the attempt to tamper with McGillicuddy jury. In his motion for a new trial, Barries ton took exception to the plea of The Prosecuting Attorney comparing him to

A movement is on to have Judge Wii-Ham Zachritz oppose Congressman Bartholdt in the Tenth District.

Grang Jury and suggested plans for the betterment of the city's moral conditions. Safe blowers robbed the strong box in M. W. Warren Coke Company'e office, using nitroglycerin, although the safe was not locked.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

D. B. Hill and former Senator Murphy of New York have reached an agreement which means that Tammany will be checked in its fight against having the delegates to the Democratic National Convention instructed to vote for Judge Par-

Friends of Ebenezer Kilgore, a patient of the Fulton Insane Asylum, by his short legs, have established his identity as a Union soldier during the Civil War and he will receive a pension and \$10,000

The resignations of members of the Dawes Commission are expected to be handed in before the expiration of sixty days.

Five of the eight delegates to the National Democratic Convention selected yesterday by Rhode Island favor the no nation of William R. Hearst for President. The Maryland Legislature has passed an act taking from negroes the right of suffrage. The measure awaits the action of the Governor.

The steamer Sunshine was destroyed near Tiptonville, Ill., yesterday morning by fire. 'All the passengers escaped. One negro deck hand is missing.

Sheriff Thorp of Carbondale, Ill., protected the life of Thomas Vaughan, a negro charged with assault, keeping a mob from Murphysboro from securing

The deed found by Mrs. Sophie Mattern of New York, thought to be for the pres ent site of Carrolton, Mo., deals with a farm sixteen miles from that city and is

practically worthless. Marine Intelligence.

New York, March 16 .- Arrived: Waldersee, from Hamburg. Liverpool, March 10 .- Arrived: Majestic,

from New York. New York, March 10.-Steamer Celtic, from Liverpool and Queenstown for New York, passed Nautucket Lighthouse at 6:40 a. m. She will probably dock about

9 a. m. to-morrow. Queenstown, March 10.-Arrived; Nuordland, Philadelphia, for Liverpool (and pro-

ceeded). Liverpool, March 10.-Sailed: Kensington, Halifax and Portland, Me.; Tunisan Hallfax and St. John, New Brunswick. London, March 10.-Sailed: Mesaba

New York. Cherhourg, March 19.-Arrived: Patricia, New York, via Plymouth, for Hamburg

Nuples, March 10 .- Arrived: Pringers Irene, New York, via Gibraltar, for Genon (and proceeded).

New York, March 10.-Arrived: Lombardia, Genoa; Celtic, Liverpool. Sailed: La Loraine, Havre.

Therbourg, March 10.—Sailed: Kron-prinz Wilhelm, from Bremen and Southampton, New York Moville, March 10.-Arrived: Sicilian, St. John, New Brunswick, for Liverpool.

Naples, March 9,-Sailed: Republic Queenstown, March 19.-Sailed: Price

land, Liverpool, for Philadelphia; Ceffric, Liverpool, for New York. Yokohama, March & Arrived: Empress of China, Vancouver, for Hong-Kong, Hong-Kong, March 10.-Sailed: Empress of Japan, Vancouver.

ON PACIFIC COAST.

World for Hours.

TRAIN BLOWN FROM TRACK.

Many Small Craft Driven Ashore and It Is Feared That Greater Disasters Have Occurred at Remote Points.

San Francisco, March 16,-The worst swept over this city and along the Pacific onse to-day, doing much damage to ship ing, raffroids and frame buildings, The sterm extends from San Diego

Vancouver Island, and it is feared many

marine disasters have occurred along the in this city this morning the baromete eached 29.21, the lowest ever recorder here, and the wind registered a velocity of forty-eight miles an hour, while at Sacra menta a gale of sixty-four miles an hour

Telegraph and telephone wires were testrated in every direction, and for sevral hours this city was entirely out off om the outside world.

A train of passenger cars at the Alameda Mole, across the bay from this city, was blown from the track, so flerce was the

blown from the track, so flerce was the gale there. The train consisted of an engine, baggage and three passenger coaches. All were blown over on their sides. No one was injured.

The steeple of St. Paul's Church, one of the handsomest in this city, was snapped out, and many buildings under construction were badly damaged.

A seven-story brick building at the corner of flush and Polk streets was hopelessly damaged.

At the Cliff Hotel tremendous waves dashed against the rocky shore and sent masses of spray over the huge baths, a steel frame building is feet high. Numerous small craft on the hay were blown ashere and the damage to shipping on San Francisco Eay will amount to many thousands of dollars.

Beports from the interior show that the storm extended over the entire State.

ADMINISTRATOR NAMED FOR NATHAN COLE ESTATE.

Fermation of Investment Company Left Comparatively Small Sum to Be Disposed Of by Court.

Letters of administration were issued by the Probate Court yesterday on the estate of Nathan Cole, who died a few days ago. The amount of the estate to be dised of is only \$6,500.

William H. Sears was appointed administrator. The heirs to this estate consist. of Mrs. Rebecca L. Cole, the widow; Amadee B. Cole, Ernest H. Cole, Mrs. Hattle Cole Herbert of St. Louis, Nathan Cole and R. H. Cole of Los Angeles, Cal.;

Cole and R. H. Cole of Los Angeles, Cal.; Herman C. Cole of Carterville, Mo., and Mrs. Reba Cole Stiles of St. Joseph. Mo., Waiver of rights to administer were signed by Mrs. Rebecca Cole and the children who are now in St. Louis.

Amalee Cole said last night that the apparent smallness of the estate was due to the fact that four years ago his father incorporated the Nathan Cole Investment. Company, which was capitalized at \$306, 403, and appointed F. N. Judoon trustee. This trusteeship is to continue during the life of Mrs. Cole, the widow, and obviated the drawing of a will or any disturbance of the investments at the time of his father's death.

"The amount administered upon." said

"The amount administered upon," said Mr. Cole, "is simply some recently accrued dividends from the Nathan Cole Invest-ment Commany in the hands of the Na-tional Bank of Commerce or in the hands of the investment company."

of the investment company."

An attorney of the family, in speaking of the subject, said that there being no will, there were no bequests, but that Mr. Cole had desired to perform his charities during his life, and for the last five years had given one entire half of his income to charities, irrespective of creed.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BANQUET.

Irish-American Society Completes Plans for Entertainment.

At a meeting of the Irish-American Society, at No. 2629 Washington avenue, last night, arrangements were completed for the fifth annual banquet, to be given by the society at the Planters Hotel, St. Pat-

Archbishop Glennon will pronounce the benediction. William Moore of Kansas City, who is called the Daniel Doberty of West, will respond to the toast "The

the West, will respond to the toast 'The Day We Celebrate.' Robert F. Walker will respond to 'Our Country.' Other speakers will be Judge Edwin S. McAnany of Kansas, John F. Magner and F. A. Noogian, Jr.

Those who will serve on the Reception Committee are Doctor P. D. Connolly, chairman; M. E. Croak, James F. Brady, Alfred M. Baker, Thomas Clear, William Desmond, P. J. Donnelly, Artbur Francis, Thomas B. Gill, Hugh C. Gillick, Stephen J. Gavin, Joseph P. Hebnett, Charles M. Hunt, D. J. Halloran, Honorable James R. Klnedty, J. J. Kiely, John R. Lanigan, James H. Lee, John T. McLain, Francis E. McMullin, Joseph Cooney, M. J. Mulvihill, J. W. OBrien, W. B. Pilkington, P. J. Regan, John C. Sullivan, Al Sweeney and Festus J. Wade.

GIRL TRIES TO END LIFE. Fannie Peel's Sister and Com-

panion Released.

Fannie Dude Peel of No. 3722 Lucky

street attempted to commit suicide yes-terday moreing at 3:15 o'clock in a room in the Hotel Hoxie by shooting herself. Her sister, Grace Peel, and a man who Her sister, Grace Feel, and a man who may bits name as Albert J. Knight of No. 2017 Glive street, were in the room with her when she shot herself. They were held by the pollee pending an investigation, but were released when it was found that it was an attempt to commit solcide. A note addressed to Roy Buzzird, No. 221 South Spring avenue, was found in the woman's pocket after her arrival at the City Hospital. She came to St. Louis recently from Fort Smith, Ark.

Normal Secures Doctor Andrews.

Marrial Needees Doctor Andrews.

REFUBLIC SPECIAL.

Warrensburg, Mo., March 16.—Doctor E.

Benjamin Andrews of the University of

Nebraska will preach the commencement
sermon of the State Normal School bere

Sunday, May 15. On Monday, May 15.

Superintendent Greenwood of Kansas City
will deliver the annual address before the

literary societies.

Painter Fell From Ladder.

Joseph Buerner, It years old, a pathter, residing at No. 250 South Ninth street, fell from a ladder while painting the woodwork of a grovery store at No. 258 South Broadway yesteriny afternoon, systaining injuries from which he may die, Huerner was removed to St. Mary's Informary. His parents reside at Rose Bud, Gasconade County, Mo.

Leonard's Condition Critical.

Little hope was entertained at the City Hospital last night for the recovery of Porter Leonard, the liveryman of No. 26/ North Beaumont street, whose skull was fractured in a collision between his buggy and a Suburban car on West Pine houlevard between Beaumont and Sarah streets Wednesday night Leonard has been unconscious since the accident.

TREMENDOUS STORM RUSSIA WARNS CHINA THAT TROOPS ALONG BORDER MAY BRING TROUBLE.

Paris. March 10-It is officially con- subject to provincial instead of imperial firmed that the Russian Minister at Pekin had made firm representations to the se Government concerning the activity of Chinese troops along the Mannese forces marching northward as being churhan frontier, with a pointed Latina- an undisciplined and almost grotesque tion of the defensive measures Russia military organization, showing an entire may be compelled to adopt. The subsence of equipment and training. As

stance of the representations follows: 'Russia has taken cognizance of the presence of considerable forces of Chinese troops along the frontier. For the present, It is recognized that these forces are in-dependent of the direct authority and condependent of the direct authority win the triple of the Imperial Government, which, therefore, is not responsible for their presence the towns and had no field maneuvers. The former associated the fact of their presence the towns and had no field maneuvers. is called to the attention of the The Chinese General answered: Imperial Government, and should their Because many horse mark will take the measures necessary to safe- and leave us without cavalry."

TROOPS ORGANIZED

late Li Hung Chang. Therefore, they are Russian force along the border.

A report just received here through off clai military channels describes the Chievidence of the unreliability of these forces the following occurrence is cited: AFRAID CAVALRYMEN

WILL STEAL HORSES. A body of Yuan-Shi-Kat's cavalry was

"Because many horse markets exis attinuance on the frontier lead to depur- within the interior and we know the envlations and acts of lawlessness, Eusala altymen would sell their horses, disband The report gives this as showing the lack of reliability and unity of the

Chinese forces. The Chinese troops referred to are those. It is the impression here that the Chiof General Ms and General Yuan-Shi Kal. Dese are unable to give the Russians seri-the Commander-in-Chief. The latter is the Vicetor of Chi Li Province and his troops originally were organized by the politing the maintenance of a considerable

PRESIDENT CAUTIONS ALL OFFICIALS 10 BE CAREFUL IN SPEAKING OF WAR.

the United States between Russia and most not be added ony avoidable causes. Japan, the two combatant nations in the "It is always unfortunate to bring Old

far Eastern war now in progress; lamation of neutrality in the pending war between Russia and Japan, but also to aban legitimately cause irritation to either f the combatants.

"The Government of the United States epresents the people of the United States, not only in the sincerity with which it is endeavoring to keep the scales of neutrality exact and even, but in the occurring with which it deplores the break- international no less than private interng out of the present war, and hopes it will end at the earliest possible moment and with the smallest possible loss to those engaged. Such a war inevitably in-creases and inflames the susceptibilities of the combatants to anything in the nature an injury or slight by outsiders. "Too often combatants make conflict-

JAPS BELIEVE VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON IS SAFE WITHIN HARBOR THEY BOMBARDED

ig claims as to the duties and obliga-

Tokio, Thursday, March 16.-The report d Vice Admiral Kamimura, lu command of the Vindivostok naval expedition, was eceived by the Navy Department here to

It evidently came by way of Gensar where the squadron was expected to call The report throws little additional light

n the movement, except it seems to show that the Russian squadron remained sufely within Vladivostok Harbor under the protection of the shore batteries.

Admiral Kamimura says that he bom arded the harbor for forty minutes, and

believes the fire was very effective. At 5 o'clock on Sunday evening the Jap nese discerned heavy volumes of smok scending over the eastern mouth of the harbor, and it was thought for a time Brothers of Fenton, the Victim, to come out and give battle, which was agerly awaited, but the smoke gradually died away, with no appearance of any of

the Russian ships. The Japanese ships searched the sur rounding bays until noon on Monday when they again steamed back to the astern entrance of Vladiyostok Harbor. The forts there did not fire at the approaching ships and no trace was found

of the Russian squadron. Admiral Kamimura then steamed south connoltering Possiet Bay and other iniets in that vicinity, but found no trace of the Russians. Admiral Kamimura does ot mention in his report anything concerning Russian operations in the vicinity of Possiet Bay or the Tumen River.

RUSSIAN SCOUTS RETREAT AFTER BRIEF FIGHT WITH JAP SOLDIERS IN KOREA

Tokio, March 10.-Russian and Japanes outs met north of Ping-Yang yesterday After a brief engagement the Russians retreated. No casualties are reported or

Winter is relaxing its grip on Pine-Vanand the Yalu River, but a fortnight must yet elapse before spring begins in earnest Meanwhile the Japanese are making toody progress in their movements or land and the roads are occupied by their

A Pekin telegram to the Jiji Shimpo states that England and America have protested against the Russian action in sinking a junk at Niuchwang, because gress of their war vessels now staying there will be blocked,

RUSSIAN TROOPS, WORN OUT BY STARVATION AND ABUSE; 2.000 HAVE DIED ON YALU.

London, March 10 .- According to Tientsin crestondent of the Standard, the Rusfans are withdrawing all their superfluas troops from Port Arthur to Harbin and Kirls because of the shortness of provisions and because it is doubtful whether or not they would be able to hold either Port Arthur or Niuchwang against

The spirit of, the Russian troops, who are largely recruits, has been broken by starvation, cold and barsh treatment from their officers. The Russian losses on the Yalu River from all causes, it is reported, each a total of 2,000 men

RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOAT LOST IN MEDITERRANEAN AFTER LEAVING PORT SAID

Canes, Island of Crete, March 10,-A Russian transport from Port Said has ar-Members of her crew say that the Russian torpedo boat "No. 221" was lost while on her way to this port. The crew of

the torpedo boat were rescued by the transport. Hibernians to Meet. Members of Division No. 3, Ancient Grer of Hibernians, will meet at St. Maiachy's Hall, Tyenty-ninth street and Clark avenue, to-night to arrange for their par-

Washington, March 10. - President | tions of neutrals, so that even when dis-Roosevelt, after a conference with Sectorary of State Hay, to-day issued the with scrupulous care it is difficult to avoid following executive order, respecting the giving offense to one or the other party. observance of the proclamation recently To such unavoidable causes of offense, du promulgated declaring the neutrality of to the performance of national duty, there

World antipathles and jenlousies into our "All officials of the Government, civil, afficials and raval, are hereby directed anger and resentment toward our nation in only to observe the President's procrement employe, whose official position makes him in some sense the representa stain from either action or speech which | tive of the people, the mischief of such ction is greatly increased. A strong and self-confident nation should be peculiarly careful not only of the rights but of the susceptibilities of its neighbors; and nowadays all of the nations of the world are neighbors, one to the other. Courtesy, moderation and self-restraint should mark

> All the officials of the Government, ivil, military and naval, are expected so carry themselves, both in act and deed. as to give no just cause of offense to the people of any foreign and friendly Power and with all mankind we are now in friendship."

FROM DEATHBED TO THE GALLOWS.

Governor Refuses to Commute Sentence of St. Joseph Murderer Sick With Pneumonia.

EXECUTION THIS MORNING.

Meet Train and Threaten Life of Prisoner if There Is Delay in Hanging.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. St. Joseph, Mo., March 19,-Mark Dunn, the murderer, who since Monday morning has escaped three times from the officers of the law, will be carried from his cell to the gallows to-morrow morning to be

hanged After being recaptured the second time last night by Sheriff Spencer in a hotel at Guliford, Dunn was brought here suffering

from pneumonia. He was placed in the cell he formerly ocupied, and Jail Physician Walker has been with him constantly all day, doing verything to keep life in his body tha ne may pay the penalty for the crime of which he has been convicted. A telegram from Governor Dockery at

Jefferson City to-night says that there will be no State interference with the execution planned for to-morrow morning. The return of Dunn to the county jail was attended with much excitement. Curiosity seekers interfered with workmen who are erecting the scaffold, and the guards had difficulty handling the crowds.

Two brothers of Alfred Fenton, the man whom Dunn killed, came to the city today from their home at Rushville, and with other relatives of Fenton met the train bearing the prisoner at the station. Two of the party rode on the steps of the colice ambulance which took Dunn to the

The Fenton brothers have informed Sheriff Spencer that if Dunn is not legally executed at the time set to-morrow, the tail will be stormed and the prisone

Dunn has given up all hopes and in his semiconscious moments expresses no fear of dying. He has been in jall for two years, and his once rugged constitution is completely shattered. Sheriff Spencer sent word to Governor Dockery to-day that should a respite be granted there might be an attempt made by a mob to hang Dunn, and to provide

sufficient protection. Governor Dockery sent Adjutant Gen-eral Dameron to St. Joseph to-day to con-fer with Colonel Stringfellow in regard to calling out the militia, if necessary, to protect Dunn.

DESERTS WIFE AND CHILDREN. Mrs. Laura Woods Has Three Sets of Twins.

Mrg. Laura Woods, surrounded by six children, three sets of twins, arrived at the Union Station last night from Alton, III., in destitute circumstances.

She and her children were cared for by the matron and to-day they will be sent to her married daughter at Ellis Grove.
Mo. Mrs. Woods said that her husband
deserted her at Alton several months ago.
The eldest twins, a boy and a girl, she
said, were 15 years old, the second, two
boys, 9 years old, and the youngest, two
girls, 5 years old.

Primary Called for March 26.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Monroe City, Mo., March 18.-The City Democratic Central Committee met, and after electing Judge C. P. McCarty chairavenue, to-night to arrange for their par-ticipation in St Patrick's Day parade.

The expense of the parade will be raised by a ball to be given at Uhrig's Cave the evening of Easter Monday.

man and J. Gardner Wade secretary, or-dered a mass meeting to be held March by a ball to be given at Uhrig's Cave the evening of Easter Monday.

COURT WILL CAUSE DETECT BURGLARS THOROUGH INQUIRY.

Judge Taylor May Have Grand Byron Nugent's Residence Robbed Jury Investigate Attempt to Influence McGillieuddy

ONE VENIREMAN APPROACHED

Man Selected for Panel From Which to Select Twelve Jurors Tells of Effort to "Fix" Him.

Judge Daniel G. Taylor is convinced afthis investigation yesterday afternoon. that an attempt was made to tamper with the fury in the case of Constable John McGillicuddy, charged with murder in the second degree, and will present the matter to the Grand Jury.

Before court convened yesterday morning one of the men on the panel of thirty-four, from which twelve jurors to try the are were to be selected, approached Judge Taylor and informed him that an attempt had been made to "fix" him.

Upon hearing tids statement Judge Taylor mounted the bench and entered an order discharging all the jurars who had been selected for the panel, instructing them to return to the courtroom in the afternoon.

After dinner Judge Taylor held on exthe maid was running downstairs to give utive session of court and called each of the jutors to the bruch to be questioned. The repdes to his questions received from eight of the men convinced him that a thorough investigation should be made end he instructed the eight men to hold

and he instructed the eight men to hold themselves in readhess to appear in court whenever they should be called.

Judge Taylor then held a conference with Assistant Circuit Attorney Bishop, who is to prosecute the McGillheuddy case. It is believed that the eight jurors will be sent before the Grand Jury as witnesses as soon as Judge Taylor has made his personal investigation more thorough. Judge Taylor has haden

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The jutor declared that he had made no reply to the man's request, but declased that he would notify Judge Taylor, which he did before the convening of court.

McGillicuddy and his attorneys, Ben Clark and John Gernez, each declare that they know nothing of any attempt to fix the jury. "We didn't need to resort to any such methods," said one of his counsel, "for we would have won the case without it."

McGillicuddy is charged with killing Frederick Lahmer at High street and chassed them from the car with his pistol.

As the negroes reached the street, the Constable, it is charged, fired at them, ishney was walking along the street and the State contends that one of the bullets fired at the negroes struck Lishmer. The penalty for murder in the second degree on conviction is not less than ten years in the Penlientlary.

A Guaranteed Cure For Piles.

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AFTER THE FAKERS.

A Novel Enterprise to Be Started | FUNERAL OF JOSEPH CURBY.

in St. Louis. No city has ever been more afflicted with fake schemes than St. Louis is at present and promises to be during the next nine months. The World's Fair has had a very natural effect in this respect, and the business community of St. Louis is likely to pay a heavy tax for the support of worthiess schemes, unless its merchants are afforded some certain means of detecting frauds. This is the work a new business frauds. This is the work a new business enterprise, known as the Mutual Reporting Agency, offers to undertake. It has opened an office in this city and proposes to assist merchants in putting a stop to the fake scheme nuisance. The programme is to furnish full reports of all advertising and other schemes brought to the attention of merchants in much the same way that mercantile agencles give information regarding the financial stability of individuals and business concerns. The St. Louis agency is associated with similar agencies in Chicago and Buffalo, and there can be no doubt that it has a field of operation in which good work can be performed, if it is carried out with discretion, faithfulness and interrity. The office of the agency is in the Wainwright building.

MARCH WINDS AND CLOUDS.

The pallbearers, members of the louge, were: A. T. Elliott, E. F. Kammann, Christian Meyer, J. H. Henry, W. T. Anderson, Sol Reis, J. B. English and J. I. Hardy, The nonorary pallbearers were: Philip Heuer, James A. W. Lewis, Harrison I. Brummond, Lewis Maffrand, Clarence Jones, Herman, A. Kretschman, Aloys Jacobs and C. H. Hickman. Colder Weather With Gloomy Skies Announced for To-Day. And Jewelry a specialty. F. W. Drosten, Seventh and Pine. Rainstorms, with high gales reaching velocity in some places in Minnesota to sixty miles an hour, swept over the entire Northwest yesterday, accompanied in

many places by snow and sleet. Another storm of considerable intensity is central over Nevada, and is causing rain on the Pacific Coast and the plateau region. Warmer weather prevailed in the Central States, while in the Eastern States and the east slope of the Rocky Mountains the temperature is lower.

Brisk winds and cloudy weather are lue in St. Louis to-day, says the forecaster. DEATH OF BROTHERS-IN-LAW.

Lifelong Friends Die Within Few Hours of Each Other. Grief over the death of his lifelong friend and brother-in-law, John Fruck, hastened Thomas Gribbens to his death

four hours after being told that the former had breathed his last. The two wers married to sisters and lived at No. 211 Lombard street. Both were teamsters. Fruck died at 11 o'clock Tuesday night from bronchitis, while Grirbbens died at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning of consumption, Gribbens assert-ed that his death was near when told Fruck was dead. They will be buried in SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery to-day.

You don't have to be a consee that EVANS' ALE is the best

STRANGER COMMITS SUICIDE. Thomas Ring Drinks Carbolic

Acid in Saloon. Thomas Ring, a stranger in the city, walked into a saloon at Twenty-second and Pine streets last night about 8 o'clock and, taking an ounce bottle of carbolic acid from his pocket, swallowed the con-tents in plain view of several persons tents in plain view of several persons who were standing at the bar, An ambulance was called, but he died before it arrived. The body is at the morgue.

By letters in the dead man's pockets he was identified as Thomas Ring, 35 years old. He came to St. Louis about two weeks ago from Philadelphia, Pa., in search of work. In his pocket were found a workman's pass to the World's Fair grounds and a small amount of money. According to a letter, Ring was married and his wife lies in Philadelphia.

FREE RECLINING CHAIR CARS To Louisville via B. & O. S-W.

GRAFT IN DEAD-LETTER OFFICE, R WHILE AT WORK.

of Jewelry Last Sunday

Evening.

THIEVES LOOT FORBES'S HOME

Unusual Noise Disturbes Mrs. W.

W. Forbes Who Screamed

and Frightened Intrud-

ers Who Escaped.

Two burglaries in which the intrude

was disturbed while at work have been

reported to the police in the last few days

Westmoreland place, the other at ris-

ellow avenue.

alienit \$860.

esidence of W. W. Forbes, No. 1344 Good-

In both instances the burglar was de-

fected in time to prevent his visit being very profitable, although from the Nugent

Laura Kenneth, the opstairs maid at the

suest were at dinner about 7 o'clock Sm

the dining-room and told of her discover-

iny evening. She screamed and ran to

byton Nozent, Jr.: his father and John

Gray searched the house and yard ence

fully, but the burgher had escaped whill

the alarm. It is believed that he jumped

from a porch, which also formed the

Byron Nugent, Jr., fired two shots from

me of the pistols with which he and

Gray had armed themselves, to attract the

Laura Kenneth, the maid, stated to Mr. Nusent that the burglar covered his face with his arm when she entered the room and found him bending over a jewel case, and it is believed that she was able to give his name to her employer and the police

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died Tuesday, took place yesterday aft-ernoon from the residence, No. 19 North

Grand avenue. The services were conduct-

ed at the house by the Reverend John

F Cannon, pastor of the Grand Avenue

Presbyterian Church. The interment was

Mr. Curby was 73 years old and had been

ill for nearly a year, although his ill-

ness had not been looked upon as serious

for several months. He was a veteran of

the Civil War and was connected

Repairing of Fine Watcher

Money and Butcher Missing.

William Hertling, Jr., a butcher at No.

4162 Manchester avenue, reported to the police yesterday that J. M. Weidman, a

ponce yesternay that J. M. Weidman, a butcher, who had been in his employ for the last ten months, had disappeared after collecting bills amounting to \$55. Hertling fears that an investigation will show that a much larger amount has been taken. Weidman is about \$2 years old. Hertling will prosecute him if he is arrested.

Deserted Man Attempts to End Life

Because his wife deserted him, Charles Sarton Van Hook, 26 years old, a carpen

ter, residing at No. 307 Chark avenue, last night took morphine in an attempt town 3 his life. At the City Hospital his condi-tion was pronounced serious. Van Hook left a note stating that his wife desert-ed him three days ago and that he could not live without her.

\$30.00

n Bellefontaine Cemetery

means for his entrance.

e at the home of Byron Nugent, No. 29

Negro Woman Assessed Clerks for Favoritism in Routing Mail for Assortment.

ORGANIZED MESSENGER BOYS.

Difficult Handwriting Sent to Clerks Who Refused to Tip and Promotion Was Retarded by Slow Work.

The Republic Bureau, tub St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Washington. March 10.—A trifle when ompared with the greater grafting that ment, but illustrative of the extent to owed, even in the details of the departent, a state of affairs has now been de reloped in the Dead-Letter Office without a parallel in the whole history of postal

home the thief secured jewelry valued at it seems that a negro woman, by the skilliful manipulation of her position, man-Nugent home, found the burgiar in Mrs. In the Dend-Letter division. The scheme may be variously called a system of tipping, though it properly sums up into a

system of graft In the civil-service category the woman is a "laborer," and is known throughout the office merely as "Lena."

Since the investigation is not fully completed, her full name and the complete method of operations is not stated. But, as explained by a postal official, her place left her the charge of messengers who distribute the dead-letter mail among 250 clerks.

A clerk is promoted according to his record for speed and efficiency. If he can do a greater amount of good work during a certain time than his neighbor he goes ahend faster. The chief work is the assortment and distribution of "dead" mail, n which legibility is an important point.

in which legibility is an important point. Cleanly-written addresses are simpler to decipher than others. Northern mail is more legible than Southern, and consettle caster task.

Since it depends upon the messengers who get this mail, and since it is in their power to divide or assort it as they please, it follows that a tip judiciously placed will get for the giver the best mail and he will be able to do more work and better work and thereby achieve his promotion earlier than his handicapped fellow who does not quently the clerk who gets the former has know the power of the silver key or who

than his immerapped fellow who does not quently the clerk who gets the former has know the power of the silver key or who scorns to make use of it.

This practice, according to the results of the investigation and the evidence of the clerks, has been of long standing and is explained as noted by saying that it has long been a custom in Government circles. It was, however, ordered stopped at once and there may be some drastic punishment meted out to those who have sought preferment by this means.

The woman is now stated to have had the messengers organized, with the result that the clerk who failed to pay was handleapped in the race for preferment. If the five Inspectors who have been at work on the case prove the case technically, a general shake-up will follow.

Ladies, try an Oyster Lunch while shopping. Milford's 207 and 229 N. Sixth st.

Stuizer Mentally Irresponsible. The Coroner yesterday decided that Fred Stutzer of No. ZEA South Second street was mentally irresponsible when he icalt the blow which killed Elizabeth Moeser of No. 2317 De Kalb street Mon-day. Stutzer is 15 years old. His mother testified that he has at times shown the Civil War Veteran Buried Under temper of a young demon, and she has long considered him unaccountable for his actions when angry. He will be tried in the Juvenile Court. The funeral of Joseph L. Curby, who

All Humors

Are impure matters which the skin liver, kidneys and other organs cannot take care of without help, there is

such an accumulation of them. They litter the whole system. many years with the Drummond Tobacco Pimples, boils, eczema and other The funeral yesterday was under the auspices of George Washington Lodge, No. 9, A. F. and A. M., of which Mr. Curby was a member. A brass band played the funeral march and the lodge accompanied the body.

The pallbearers, members of the lodge, were: A. T. Enland. eruptions, loss of appetite, that tired feeling, bilious turns, fits of indigestion, dull headaches and many other

troubles are due to them. Hood's Sarsaparilla

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